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1. FOLLOWING JULY 24 MEETING IN GENEVA OF ICP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WALTER SIMONS (ICP SECRETARIAT) GAVE US BRIEF RUN-DOWN ON OUTCOME OF MEETING.
2. ACCORDING TO SIMONS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TURNED THUMBS DOWN ON THE SUGGESTION THAT THE ICP CONSTITUTE ITSELF AN NGO IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A NEW ORGANIZATIONAL BASIS FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UN. IN THIS CONNECTION SIMONS NOTED THAT MORSE HAD ASSURED ICP THAT UNDER SUCH ARRANGEMENT THEY WOULD RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL WORK TO DO UNDER CONTRACTS WITH UNDP.
3. IN GENERAL, THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WERE PREPARED TO HAVE FURTHER EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORGANIZING "A CONSORTIUM" OF UN PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES IN THE OPERATIONAL FIELD WITH WHICH THE ICP WOULD BE ASSOCIATED. SIMONS RECOGNIZED THE DIFFICULTY OF ACHIEVING SUCH COMPLEX ARRANGEMENT BUT, AT PRESENT, SAW NO OTHER WAY TO MOVE. HE NOTED THAT ICP MEMBERS WERE NOT NOW PREPARED TO TIE THEMSELVES SOLELY TO UNIDO (IT IS NOT EVEN CLEAR ON WHAT TERMS KHANE HIMSELF WOULD BE PREPARED TO ENTER INTO

SUCH CONNECTION), ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT HAVE NO OBJECTION TO UNIDO ACTING AS "LEAD AGENCY" IN A CONSORTIUM. SIMONS ALSO NOTED THAT THE QUESTION OF FINDING A "HOME" FOR THE ICP SECRETARIAT MIGHT POSE DIFFICULTIES. FOR THE MOMENT THE SECRETARIAT CONTINUED TO BE PART OF THE STAFF OF UNDP, ALTHOUGH HE OBSERVED THAT THE SWEDES WERE ALREADY RAISING QUESTIONS WITH MORSE AS TO THE PROPRIETY OF THIS ARRANGEMENT GIVEN WHAT HAPPENED AT THE 25TH GOVERNING COUNCIL.

4. SIMONS SAID THAT THE ICP WAS ENCOURAGED BY WALDHEIM'S CONTINUED ASSERTIONS THAT SOME SATISFACTORY SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND TO THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO MAINTAIN A CONTINUED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UN SYSTEM AND THE ICP. VANDEN HEUVEL

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